

I am writing to ask you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160. I am a XM Radio subscriber. As I have to travel extensively for my job, I enjoy the features that XM Satellite Radio provides. Aside from the variety of stations and the consistency of signal strength from one area to another, the ability to also receive traffic and weather on the same radio keeps me from having to search for this information on local over the air broadcasts. It is difficult if not impossible to find a local station that devotes all of their air time to traffic and weather. XM Satellite Radio provides this service and allows me to concentrate on the road; not searching for a station that tells me about an approaching storm or congested traffic. This is not only convenient for the user, but also contributes to safety. If Clear Channel, Infinnity or any other broadcast company feels threatened, they should dedicate some of their stations provide 24 hour weather and traffic programming. If they are not able to do this because they can't get enough revenue from advertisers, they shouldn't prevent XM from providing this needed programming. This is a service I pay to receive. What will come next, will the major television networks petition that HBO not be allowed to broadcast sports programming? Thank you, and please reject this petition.